WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A polymer conjugate which inhibits protease or lipase enzyme, said polymer conjugate comprising a polymer component bonded to an enzyme inhibitor component having an acyl unit capable of inhibiting the activity of one or more protease or lipase enzymes, wherein said inhibitor component is directly bonded to said polymer component or is attached thereto by a linking unit, said linking unit optionally capable of modulating the interaction between a target enzyme and said inhibitor component, and wherein further said polymer component remains bonded to said inhibitor component after said acyl unit interacts with said target enzyme.
- A compound according to Claim 1 having the formula:

$$\left[\begin{bmatrix}X\\II\\Mod\end{bmatrix}-(X)_a-C-(X)_a\end{bmatrix}_wT\right]_X(L)_z-[Poly]$$

wherein said polymer component comprises a polymer unit [Poly] and optionally a linking unit, L; said inhibitor component comprises a template unit, T, an acyl unit having the formula $[Mod](X)_aC(X)(X)_a$; wherein [Mod] is a modulating unit independently selected from:

- a) hydrogen;
- b) C₁-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl;
- c) C₃-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, cycloalkyl;
- d) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkenyl;
- e) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkynyl;
- f) C₆-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted aryl;
- g) a unit which is tied back to said T unit to form a ring comprising from 1 to 5 carbon atoms; and
- h) mixtures thereof;

X is CH₂, NH, O, S, CF₂, and mixtures thereof; each index a is independently 0 or 1, w is from 1 to 6, x is from 1 to 50, y is from 1 to 10, z is 0 or 1.

3. A compound according to either Claim 1 or 2 comprising an acyl unit having the formula [Mod]-XC(O)-T wherein said unit is tied back to said T unit to form a ring comprising from 1 to 5 carbon atoms having the formula selected from the group consisting of:

i)

ii)

iii)

$$\begin{array}{c}
O \\
X \\
N
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
E \\
F
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
R
\end{array}$$

iv)

$$\begin{array}{c}
O \\
X \\
N
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
E \\
G
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
R \\
G
\end{array}$$

v)

$$X$$
 E
 F
 G

vi)

$$\begin{array}{c}
O \\
X \\
N
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
D \\
E \\
F
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
R
\end{array}$$

vii)

viii)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
O & E \\
R & F
\end{array}$$

ix)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
O & E \\
R & F
\end{array}$$

x) and mixtures thereof;

wherein each R is independently:

- a) hydrogen;
- b) C₁-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl;
- c) C₃-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched cycloalkyl
- d) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkenyl;
- e) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkynyl;
- f) C₆-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted aryl;
- g) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic alkyl;
- h) C₃-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic alkenyl;
- i) alkylenearyl having the formula:

$$--(R^1)_n - R^2$$

wherein R¹ is C₁-C₁₂ linear or branched alkylene, C₂-C₁₂ linear or branched alkenylene, or mixtures thereof; R² C₆-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted aryl, or mixtures thereof; n is from 1 to 16;

j) an amino unit having the formula:

$$---(CH_2)_mN(R^3)_2$$

wherein each R^3 is independently C_1 - C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl; m is from 0 to 10;

k) a quaternary ammonium unit having the formula:

$$---(CH_2)_m \overset{+}{N} (R^3)_3 Y^{-1}$$

wherein each R^3 is independently C_1 - C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl; Y is an anion of sufficient charge to provide electronic neutrality; m is from 0 to 10;

1) a unit having the formula:

wherein R^4 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^5 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^4 and R^5 can be taken together to form a heterocyclic ring comprising from 3 to 5 carbon atoms;

m) a unit having the formula:

$$-NH$$
 NHR^6
 NR^7

wherein R^6 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^7 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^6 and R^7 can be taken together to form a heterocyclic ring comprising from 3 to 5 carbon atoms;

n) a unit having the formula:

$$--R^8-R^9$$

wherein R8 is:

- i) $-(CH_2)_{p}$, wherein p is from 0 to 12;
- ii) -C(O)-;
- iii) $-C(X)NR^{10}$ -, wherein R^{10} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR^{10} , and mixtures thereof;
- iv) -C(X)R¹¹C(X)-, wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- v) -C(X)NR¹⁰C(X)-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- vi) $-C(X)NR^{10}R^{11}NR^{10}C(X)$ -, wherein R^{10} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^{11} is C_1 - C_{12} alkylene, substituted or

- unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- vii) -NR¹⁰C(X)-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- viii) -NR¹⁰C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- ix) -NR¹⁰C(X)R¹¹NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- x) -NR¹⁰R¹¹C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- xi) -NR¹⁰C(X)R¹¹C(X)O-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- vii) -OC(X)R¹¹C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- xiii) $-NR^{10}C(X)NR^{10}R^{11}$ -, wherein R^{10} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^{11} is C_1 - C_{12} alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR^{10} , and mixtures thereof;
- xiv) -R¹¹NR¹⁰C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; wherein X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- -R¹¹NR¹⁰C(X)NR¹⁰R¹¹-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;

- xvi) -NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof;
- xvii) -O-;
- xviii) $-(R^{11})_tC(X)(R^{11})_t$; wherein R^{11} is C_1 - C_{12} alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR^{10} , and mixtures thereof;
- xix) -(R¹¹)_tOC(O)(R¹¹)_t-; wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;
- (R¹¹)_tC(O)O(R¹¹)_t-; wherein R¹¹ is C_1 - C_{12} alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;
- xxi) alkyleneoxyalkylene having the formula:

$$---(R^{12}O)_{a}R^{13}--$$

wherein R^{12} is C_2 - C_6 linear or branched alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene; R^{13} is - $(CH_2)_{p}$ -, wherein p is from 0 to 12; q is from 1 to 4;

- xxii) -S-;
- xxiii) -(R¹¹)_tS(R¹¹)_t-; wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;
- xxiv) $-(R^{11})_tS(O)(R^{11})_t$; wherein R^{11} is C_1 - C_{12} alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;
- xxv) -(R¹¹)_tSO₂(R¹¹)_t-; wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;
- xxvi) or mixtures thereof;

R⁹ is:

- i) hydrogen;
- ii) C₁-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl;
- iii) C3-C18 substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched cycloalkyl
- iv) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkenyl;
- v) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkynyl;
- vi) C₆-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted aryl;
- vii) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic alkyl;
- viii) C₃-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic alkenyl;
- ix) -OH;
- x) -SO₃M;
- xi) -OSO₃M;

- xii) -NO₂;
- xiii) halogen selected from fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, or mixtures thereof;
- xiv) -C(Hal)₃, wherein each Hal is fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, or mixtures thereof;
- -COR¹⁴; wherein R¹⁴ is hydrogen, -OH, C₁-C₁₂ alkyl, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy, or mixtures thereof; -N(R¹⁵)₂, or mixtures thereof; each R¹⁵ is independently hydrogen, -OH, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof;
- xvi) -CH(OR¹⁴)₂ wherein R¹⁴ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₂ alkyl, or two R¹⁴ units can be taken together to form a ring having from 3 to 5 carbon atoms; or mixtures thereof;
- xvii) a unit having the formula:

wherein R⁴ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R⁵ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R⁴ and R⁵ can be taken together to form a heterocyclic ring comprising from 3 to 5 carbon atoms;

xviii) a unit having the formula:

$$-NH$$
 NR^7

wherein R⁶ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R⁷ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R⁶ and R⁷ can be taken together to form a heterocyclic ring comprising from 3 to 5 carbon atoms;

- vix) -NHOR¹⁶, wherein R¹⁶ is hydrogen; C₁-C₁₂ linear or branched alkyl; acyl having the formula -COR¹⁷, wherein R¹⁷ is C₁-C₄ alkyl; or mixtures thereof;
- xx) a unit having the formula:

$$--$$
CH=NOR 16

wherein R^{16} is hydrogen; C_1 - C_{12} linear or branched alkyl; C_7 - C_{22} linear or branched alkylenearyl; acyl having the formula -COR¹⁷, R^{17} is C_1 - C_4 alkyl; or mixtures thereof;

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xxi) an amino unit having the formula:

$$---(CH_2)_mN(R^3)_2$$

wherein each R^3 is independently C_1 - C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl; m is from 0 to 10;

xxii) a quaternary ammonium unit having the formula:

$$--(CH_2)_m \stackrel{+}{N} (R^3)_3 Y^{-1}$$

wherein each R³ is independently C₁-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl; Y is an anion of sufficient charge to provide electronic neutrality; m is from 0 to 10;

- o) two R units on the same carbon atom can be taken together to form a carbonyl unit or carbonyl unit equivalent; and
- p) mixtures thereof;

D, E, F, and G are each independently selected from the group consisting of CH, CH₂, N, NH, O, S, CF₂, and mixtures thereof;

L is selected from the group consisting of:

- i) $-(CH_2)_p$ -, wherein p is from 0 to 12;
- ii) -C(O)-;
- iii) -C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- iv) $-C(X)R^{11}C(X)$ -, wherein R^{11} is C_1 - C_{12} alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR^{10} , and mixtures thereof;
- v) -C(X)NR¹⁰C(X)-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- vi) -C(X)NR¹⁰R¹¹NR¹⁰C(X)-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- vii) -NR¹⁰C(X)-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;

- viii) -NR¹⁰C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- ix) -NR¹⁰C(X)R¹¹NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- x) -NR¹⁰R¹¹C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- xi) -NR¹⁰C(X)R¹¹C(X)O-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- vii) -OC(X)R¹¹C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- xiii) -NR¹⁰C(X)NR¹⁰R¹¹-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- xiv) $-R^{11}NR^{10}C(X)NR^{10}$ -, wherein R^{10} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^{11} is C_1 - C_{12} alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR^{10} , and mixtures thereof;
- xv) -R¹¹NR¹⁰C(X)NR¹⁰R¹¹-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- xvi) -NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof;
- xvii) -O-
- xviii) $-(R^{11})_tC(X)(R^{11})_t$; wherein R^{11} is C_1 - C_{12} alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1; wherein X is oxygen, sulfur, NR^{10} , and mixtures thereof;
- xix) -(R¹¹)_tOC(O)(R¹¹)_t-; wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;
- xx) -(R¹¹)_tC(O)O(R¹¹)_t-; wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;
- xxi) $-(R^{11})_tOC(O)O(R^{11})_t$; wherein t is 0 or 1;
- xxii) alkyleneoxyalkylene having the formula:

$$--(R^{12}O)_{\sigma}R^{13}-$$

wherein R^{12} is C_2 - C_6 linear or branched alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene; R^{13} is -(CH₂)_p-, wherein p is from 0 to 12; q is 1 or 2;

- xxiii) -S-;
- xxiv) -(R¹¹)_tS(R¹¹)_t-; wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;
- xxv) $-(R^{11})_tS(O)(R^{11})_t$; wherein R^{11} is C_1 - C_{12} alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;
- xxvi) $-(R^{11})_tSO_2(R^{11})_t$; wherein R^{11} is C_1 - C_{12} alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;
- xxvii) or mixtures thereof; and

[Poly] units are selected from:

i) a unit having the formula:

$$R^{19}(OR^{18})_x$$

wherein R^{18} is C_2 - C_{12} linear alkylene, C_3 - C_{12} branched alkylene, phenylene, C_7 - C_{12} alkylenearylene, and mixtures thereof; R^{19} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_{22} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl; C_3 - C_{22} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched cycloalkyl; C_2 - C_{22} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkenyl; C_2 - C_{22} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkynyl; C_6 - C_{22} substituted or unsubstituted aryl; and mixtures thereof;

ii) a unit having the formula:

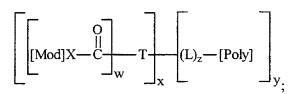
wherein R² is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and mixtures thereof; x and y are each independently from 0 to 100;

iii) a polyamine unit having the formula:

wherein R is C_2 - C_{12} linear alkylene, C_3 - C_{12} branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof; j and k are such that the molecular weight of said polyamine does not exceed 30,000 daltons; and

- iv) mixtures thereof.
- 4. A compound according to any of Claims 1-4 having a formula selected from:

i)



wherein T is a template; [Mod] is C_1 - C_{12} alkyl, or a unit which is further attached to said T unit; L is a linking unit; [Poly] is a polymer component; X is X is CH₂, NH, O, S, CF₂, and mixtures thereof; w is from 1 to 6, x is from 1 to 50, y is from 1 to 10, z is 0 or 1;

ii)

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} O \\ || \\ || \\ C - T \end{array}\right]_{X} \left[(L)_{z} - [Poly] \right]_{y}$$

wherein T is a template; [Mod] is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₂ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; L is a linking unit; [Poly] is a polymer component; x is from 1 to 50, y is from 1 to 10, z is 0 or 1;

iii)

wherein T is a template; [Mod] is C_1 - C_{12} alkoxy unit; L is a linking unit; [Poly] is a polymer component; b has the value of 2 or 3 and b' has the value of 0 or 1; provided b + b' = 3, x is from 1 to 50, y is from 1 to 10, z is 0 or 1;

- iv) or mixtures thereof.
- 5. A compound according to any of Claims 1-4 comprising a [Mod]-XC(O)-T having the formula selected from the group consisting of:
 - i)

X R

ii)

X R

iii)

X R

iv)

X S R

v)

S R

vi)

X N S R

vii)

viii)

$$X$$
 N
 S
 R

ix)

$$\begin{array}{c}
0 \\
X \\
N
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
N \\
R
\end{array}$$

x)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
O & R \\
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N & N
\end{array}$$

xi)

xii)

$$X$$
 N
 R

xiii)

$$X$$
 N
 R

xiv)

 $X \longrightarrow \mathbb{N}$ \mathbb{N}

xv)

xvi)

$$X$$
 N
 R

xvii)

xviii)

xix)

$$X$$
 N
 N
 N
 N

xx) and mixtures thereof;

wherein each R is independently:

- a) hydrogen;
- b) C₁-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl;
- c) C₃-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched cycloalkyl

- d) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkenyl;
- e) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkynyl;
- f) C₆-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted aryl;
- g) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic alkyl;
- h) C₃-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic alkenyl;
- i) alkylenearyl having the formula:

$$---(R^1)_n - R^2$$

wherein R^1 is C_1 - C_{12} linear or branched alkylene, C_2 - C_{12} linear or branched alkenylene, or mixtures thereof; R^2 C_6 - C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted aryl, or mixtures thereof; n is from 1 to 16;

j) an amino unit having the formula:

$$---(CH_2)_mN(R^3)_2$$

wherein each R^3 is independently C_1 - C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl; m is from 0 to 10;

k) a quaternary ammonium unit having the formula:

$$---(CH_2)_m \overset{+}{N} (R^3)_3 Y^{-1}$$

wherein each R^3 is independently C_1 - C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl; Y is an anion of sufficient charge to provide electronic neutrality; m is from 0 to 10;

i) a unit having the formula:

wherein R^4 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^5 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^4 and R^5 can be taken together to form a heterocyclic ring comprising from 3 to 5 carbon atoms;

m) a unit having the formula:

$$-NH$$
 NHR^6
 NR^7

wherein R^6 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^7 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^6 and R^7 can be taken together to form a heterocyclic ring comprising from 3 to 5 carbon atoms;

n) a unit having the formula:

 $--R^8-R^9$

wherein R8 is:

- i) $-(CH_2)_p$ -, wherein p is from 0 to 12;
- ii) -C(O)-;
- iii) -C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- iv) -C(X)R¹¹C(X)-, wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- v) -C(X)NR¹⁰C(X)-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- vi) -C(X)NR¹⁰R¹¹NR¹⁰C(X)-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- vii) $-NR^{10}C(X)$ -, wherein R^{10} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR^{10} , and mixtures thereof;
- viii) -NR¹⁰C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- ix) -NR¹⁰C(X)R¹¹NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- x) -NR¹⁰R¹¹C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- xi) -NR¹⁰C(X)R¹¹C(X)O-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- xii) -OC(X)R¹¹C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or

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unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;

- xiii) -NR¹⁰C(X)NR¹⁰R¹¹-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- xiv) -R¹¹NR¹⁰C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; wherein X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- xv) -R¹¹NR¹⁰C(X)NR¹⁰R¹¹-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- xvi) -NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof;
- xvii) -O-;
- xviii) -(R¹¹)_tC(X)(R¹¹)_t-; wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- xix) -(R¹¹)_tOC(O)(R¹¹)_t-; wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;
- xx) -(R¹¹)_tC(O)O(R¹¹)_t-; wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;
- xxi) alkyleneoxyalkylene having the formula:

$$---(R^{12}O)_{o}R^{13}--$$

wherein R^{12} is C_2 - C_6 linear or branched alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene; R^{13} is - $(CH_2)_p$ -, wherein p is from 0 to 12; q is from 1 to 4;

- xxii) -S-;
- xxiii) -(R¹¹)_tS(R¹¹)_t-; wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;
- xxiv) -(R¹¹)_tS(O)(R¹¹)_t-; wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;

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xxv) $-(R^{11})_t SO_2(R^{11})_t$; wherein R^{11} is C_1-C_{12} alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;

xxvi) or mixtures thereof;

R⁹ is:

- i) hydrogen;
- ii) C₁-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl;
- iii) C₃-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched cycloalkyl
- iv) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkenyl;
- v) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkynyl;
- vi) C₆-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted aryl;
- vii) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic alkyl;
- viii) C₃-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic alkenyl;
- ix) -OH;
- x) -SO₃M;
- xi) -OSO₃M;
- xii) -NO₂;
- xiii) halogen selected from fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, or mixtures thereof;
- xiv) -C(Hal)₃, wherein each Hal is fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, or mixtures thereof;
- -COR¹⁴; wherein R¹⁴ is hydrogen, -OH, C₁-C₁₂ alkyl, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy, or mixtures thereof; -N(R¹⁵)₂, or mixtures thereof; each R¹⁵ is independently hydrogen, -OH, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof;
- cH(OR¹⁴)₂ wherein R¹⁴ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₂ alkyl, or two R¹⁴ units can be taken together to form a ring having from 3 to 5 carbon atoms; or mixtures thereof;
- xvii) a unit having the formula:

wherein R⁴ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R⁵ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R⁴ and R⁵ can be taken together to form a heterocyclic ring comprising from 3 to 5 carbon atoms;

xviii) a unit having the formula:

$$-NH$$
 NHR^6
 NR^7

wherein R^6 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^7 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^6 and R^7 can be taken together to form a heterocyclic ring comprising from 3 to 5 carbon atoms;

- vix) -NHOR¹⁶, wherein R¹⁶ is hydrogen; C₁-C₁₂ linear or branched alkyl; acyl having the formula -COR¹⁷, wherein R¹⁷ is C₁-C₄ alkyl; or mixtures thereof;
- xx) a unit having the formula:

$$--$$
CH $=$ NOR 16

wherein R^{16} is hydrogen; C_1 - C_{12} linear or branched alkyl; C_7 - C_{22} linear or branched alkylenearyl; acyl having the formula -COR¹⁷, R^{17} is C_1 - C_4 alkyl; or mixtures thereof;

xxi) an amino unit having the formula:

$$---(CH_2)_mN(R^3)_2$$

wherein each R^3 is independently C_1 - C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl; m is from 0 to 10;

xxii) a quaternary ammonium unit having the formula:

$$---(CH_2)_m \overset{+}{N} (R^3)_3 Y$$

wherein each R³ is independently C₁-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl; Y is an anion of sufficient charge to provide electronic neutrality; m is from 0 to 10;

- o) two R units on the same carbon atom can be taken together to form a carbonyl unit or carbonyl unit equivalent; and
- p) mixtures thereof; X is selected from the group consisting of CH₂, NH, O, S, CF₂, and mixtures thereof.
- 6. A compound according to any of Claims 1-6 wherein R is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, amidinyl, guanidinyl, or mixtures thereof.

- 7. A compound according to any of Claims 1-6 wherein [Poly] units are selected from:
 - i) a unit having the formula:

$$R^{19}(OR^{18})_x$$

wherein R^{18} is C_2 - C_{12} linear alkylene, C_3 - C_{12} branched alkylene, phenylene, C_7 - C_{12} alkylenearylene, and mixtures thereof; R^{19} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_{22} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl; C_3 - C_{22} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkenyl; C_2 - C_{22} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkenyl; C_2 - C_{22} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkynyl; C_6 - C_{22} substituted or unsubstituted aryl; and mixtures thereof;

ii) a unit having the formula:

wherein R^2 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and mixtures thereof; x and y are each independently from 0 to 100;

iii) a polyamine unit having the formula:

$$[H_2N-R]_{j+1}$$
 $[N-R]_k[N-R]_jNH_2$

wherein R is C_2 - C_{12} linear alkylene, C_3 - C_{12} branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof; j and k are such that the molecular weight of said polyamine does not exceed 30,000 daltons; and

- iv) mixtures thereof.
- 8. A polymer conjugate which inhibits protease or lipase enzyme, said polymer conjugate comprising:
 - a) a polymer component;
 - b) at least one enzyme inhibiting component, said enzyme inhibiting component comprising:
 - i) an acyl unit which interacts with at least one protease or lipase enzyme;
 - ii) optionally an enzyme directing or enzyme activating unit; and

- c) optionally one or more linking units which link said polymer component to said enzyme inhibiting component and which is further capable of interacting with a target enzyme to modulate the interaction of said enzyme inhibiting component with said target enzyme.
- 9. A composition for inhibiting enzymes comprising:
 - a) from 0.01% by weight, of one or more polymer conjugates which inhibit protease or lipase enzyme, said polymer conjugate comprising a polymer component bonded to an enzyme inhibitor component having an acyl unit capable of inhibiting the activity of more than one protease or lipase enzymes, wherein said inhibitor component is directly bonded to said polymer component or is bonded by a linking unit, said linking unit capable of modulating the interaction of a target enzyme and said inhibitor component wherein said polymer component remains bonded to said inhibitor component after said acyl unit interacts with said target enzyme; and
 - b) the balance carriers and adjunct ingredients.
- 10. A compound according to either Claim 8 or 9 wherein said polymer conjugate has the formula:

$$\left[\begin{bmatrix} O \\ | I \\ | I \end{bmatrix}_{W} T\right]_{X} \left[(L)_{z} - [Poly]\right]_{y}$$

wherein T is an enzyme inhibitor component; L is a linking unit; [Poly] is a polymer component; [Mod]-OC(O)- is a unit which modulates the interaction of an acyl unit and a target enzyme; the indices have the following values: w is from 1 to 6, x is from 1 to 50, y is from 1 to 10, z is 0 or 1.

- 11. A composition according to any of Claims 8-11 comprising a [Mod]-XC(O)-T having the formula selected from the group consisting of:
 - i)

$$X$$
 R

$$X \longrightarrow R$$

$$X$$
 R

$$X$$
 S
 R

$$X$$
 S
 R

viii)

ix)

$$X$$
 N
 R

x)

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 & R \\
 & N \\$$

xi)

xii)

xiii)

$$X$$
 R

xiv)

X N R

xv)

xvi)

$$X$$
 N
 R

xvii)

xviii)

xix)

$$X$$
 N
 N
 R

xx) and mixtures thereof;

wherein each R is independently:

- a) hydrogen;
- b) C₁-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl;
- c) C₃-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched cycloalkyl

- d) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkenyl;
- e) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkynyl;
- f) C₆-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted aryl;
- g) C2-C18 substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic alkyl;
- h) C₃-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic alkenyl;
- i) alkylenearyl having the formula:

$$---(R^1)_n - R^2$$

wherein R^1 is C_1 - C_{12} linear or branched alkylene, C_2 - C_{12} linear or branched alkenylene, or mixtures thereof; R^2 C_6 - C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted aryl, or mixtures thereof; n is from 1 to 16;

j) an amino unit having the formula:

$$---(CH_2)_mN(R^3)_2$$

wherein each R^3 is independently C_1 - C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl; m is from 0 to 10;

a quaternary ammonium unit having the formula:

$$---(CH_2)_m \overset{+}{N} (R^3)_3 Y^{-1}$$

wherein each R³ is independently C₁-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl; Y is an anion of sufficient charge to provide electronic neutrality; m is from 0 to 10;

l) a unit having the formula:

wherein R^4 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^5 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^4 and R^5 can be taken together to form a heterocyclic ring comprising from 3 to 5 carbon atoms;

m) a unit having the formula:

$$-NH$$
 $-NH$ NR^7

wherein R^6 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^7 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^6 and R^7 can be taken together to form a heterocyclic ring comprising from 3 to 5 carbon atoms;

n) a unit having the formula:

 $--R^8-R^9$

wherein R⁸ is:

- i) $-(CH_2)_{p^-}$, wherein p is from 0 to 12;
- ii) -C(O)-;
- iii) -C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- iv) -C(X)R¹¹C(X)-, wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- v) -C(X)NR¹⁰C(X)-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- vi) -C(X)NR¹⁰R¹¹NR¹⁰C(X)-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- vii) -NR¹⁰C(X)-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- viii) -NR¹⁰C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- ix) -NR¹⁰C(X)R¹¹NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- -NR¹⁰R¹¹C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- -NR¹⁰C(X)R¹¹C(X)O-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- xii) -OC(X)R¹¹C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or

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unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;

- xiii) -NR¹⁰C(X)NR¹⁰R¹¹-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- xiv) -R¹¹NR¹⁰C(X)NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; wherein X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- xv) -R¹¹NR¹⁰C(X)NR¹⁰R¹¹-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- xvi) -NR¹⁰-, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof;
- xvii) -O-;
- xviii) -(R¹¹)_tC(X)(R¹¹)_t-; wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1; X is oxygen, sulfur, NR¹⁰, and mixtures thereof;
- xix) -(R¹¹)_tOC(O)(R¹¹)_t-; wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;
- -(R¹¹)_tC(O)O(R¹¹)_t-; wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;
- xxi) alkyleneoxyalkylene having the formula:

$$---(R^{12}O)_qR^{13}-$$

wherein R^{12} is C_2 - C_6 linear or branched alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene; R^{13} is -(CH₂)_p-, wherein p is from 0 to 12; q is from 1 to 4;

- xxii) -S-;
- xxiii) -(R¹¹)_tS(R¹¹)_t-; wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;
- xxiv) $-(R^{11})_tS(O)(R^{11})_t$; wherein R^{11} is C_1 - C_{12} alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;

-(R¹¹)_tSO₂(R¹¹)_t-; wherein R¹¹ is C₁-C₁₂ alkylene, substituted or unsubstituted phenylene, or mixtures thereof; t is 0 or 1;

xxvi) or mixtures thereof;

R⁹ is:

- i) hydrogen;
- ii) C₁-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl;
- iii) C₃-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched cycloalkyl
- iv) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkenyl;
- v) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkynyl;
- vi) C_6 - C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted aryl;
- vii) C₂-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic alkyl;
- viii) C₃-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic alkenyl;
- ix) -OH;
- x) -SO₃M;
- xi) -OSO₃M;
- xii) -NO₂;
- xiii) halogen selected from fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, or mixtures thereof;
- -C(Hal)₃, wherein each Hal is fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, or mixtures thereof;
- -COR¹⁴; wherein R¹⁴ is hydrogen, -OH, C₁-C₁₂ alkyl, C₁-C₁₂ alkoxy, or mixtures thereof; -N(R¹⁵)₂, or mixtures thereof; each R¹⁵ is independently hydrogen, -OH, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof;
- xvi) -CH(OR¹⁴)₂ wherein R¹⁴ is hydrogen, C₁-C₁₂ alkyl, or two R¹⁴ units can be taken together to form a ring having from 3 to 5 carbon atoms; or mixtures thereof;
- xvii) a unit having the formula:

wherein R⁴ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R⁵ is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R⁴ and R⁵ can be taken together to form a heterocyclic ring comprising from 3 to 5 carbon atoms;

xviii) a unit having the formula:

$$-NH$$
 $-NH$ NR^6

wherein R^6 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^7 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or mixtures thereof; R^6 and R^7 can be taken together to form a heterocyclic ring comprising from 3 to 5 carbon atoms;

- xix) -NHOR¹⁶, wherein R¹⁶ is hydrogen; C₁-C₁₂ linear or branched alkyl; acyl having the formula -COR¹⁷, wherein R¹⁷ is C₁-C₄ alkyl; or mixtures thereof;
- xx) a unit having the formula:

$$-CH=NOR^{16}$$

wherein R^{16} is hydrogen; C_1 - C_{12} linear or branched alkyl; C_7 - C_{22} linear or branched alkylenearyl; acyl having the formula -COR¹⁷, R^{17} is C_1 - C_4 alkyl; or mixtures thereof;

xxi) an amino unit having the formula:

$$---(CH_2)_mN(R^3)_2$$

wherein each R^3 is independently C_1 - C_{18} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl; m is from 0 to 10;

xxii) a quaternary ammonium unit having the formula:

$$--(CH_2)_m \stackrel{+}{N} (R^3)_3 Y$$

wherein each R³ is independently C₁-C₁₈ substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl; Y is an anion of sufficient charge to provide electronic neutrality; m is from 0 to 10;

- o) two R units on the same carbon atom can be taken together to form a carbonyl unit or carbonyl unit equivalent; and
- p) mixtures thereof;

X is selected from the group consisting of -CH₂-, -NH-, -O-, -S-, -CF₂-, and mixtures thereof.

- 12. A composition according to any of Claims 8-11 wherein [Poly] units are selected from:
 - i) a unit having the formula:

$$R^{19}(OR^{18})_x$$
—

wherein R^{18} is C_2 - C_{12} linear alkylene, C_3 - C_{12} branched alkylene, phenylene, C_7 - C_{12} alkylenearylene, and mixtures thereof; R^{19} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_{22} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkyl; C_3 - C_{22} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkenyl; C_2 - C_{22} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkenyl; C_2 - C_{22} substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkynyl; C_6 - C_{22} substituted or unsubstituted aryl; and mixtures thereof;

ii) a unit having the formula:

wherein R^2 is hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and mixtures thereof; x and y are each independently from 0 to 100;

iii) a polyamine unit having the formula:

$$[H_2N-R]_{j+1}$$
 $[N-R]_k$ $[N-R]_i$ NH_2

wherein R is C_2 - C_{12} linear alkylene, C_3 - C_{12} branched alkylene, and mixtures thereof; j and k are such that the molecular weight of said polyamine does not exceed 30,000 daltons; and

- iv) mixtures thereof.
- 13. A composition according to any of Claims 8-12 wherein [Poly] units have the formulae:

$$--OCH_2CH_2(OR^{18})_x$$
 and $--OCH_2CH_2(OR^{18})_x(OR^{20})_y$

R¹⁸ ethylene and R²⁰ is 2-propylene and when R¹⁸, OR¹⁹, and OR²⁰ are taken together said [Poly] unit has a molecular weight of from 500 daltons, to 10,000 daltons.